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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTI-
GATION OF DC-10 SALE TO AEROMEXICO

1. JUNE 6 EL HERALDO HEADLINE STORY BY ITS WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT, EDGARDO COSTA REIS, STATES U.S. JUSTICE
DEPT. IS INVESTIGATING, WITH THE COOPERATION OF HIGH LEVEL
MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, A NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT
MANUFACTURER (MCDONNELL DOUGLAS), OFFICIALS OF THE
ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION AND PRIVATE CITIZENS CONNECTED
WITH THE TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR, RESPECTING
THE SALE OF TWO JETS (DC-10S) TO AEROMEXICO. THE INVESTI-
GATION IS REPORTED TO BE ONE OF SIXTEEN BEING CARRIED OUT
BY THE DOJ ON A PRIORITY BASIS. ARTICLE QUOTES A DOJ OF-
FICIAL AS SAYING HE COULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THAT AN
INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.

2. LAST PART OF A COLUMN ON US/MEXICAN PARLIMENTARY MEETING
IN WASHINGTON BY JUAN NIETO MARTINEZ IN JUNE 7 LA PRENSA
STATES THAT ACCORDING TO DOJ CIRCLES, A PETITION HAS BEEN
SUBMITTED (NO MENTION OF BY WHOM) TO MEXICO'S ATTORNEY
GENERAL TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE BRIBERY BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS
OF MEXICAN OFFICIALS FROM THE LAST ADMINISTRATION IN CON-
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NECTION WITH AEROMEXICO'S ACQUISITION OF TWO DC-10S. THE
COLUMNIST CONTINUES "IT IS KNOWN THAT CLOSE TO TWENTY
PEOPLE, AMONG THEM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF (MCDONNELL)
DOUGLAS IN MEXICO, ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.THE DOJ HAS THE
FILE READY TO SEND TO OUR COUNTRY SO THAT INVESTIGATIONS
MAY PROCEED."

3. INASMUCH AS THE EMBASSY HAS NO OFFICIAL WORD OF SUCH AN

INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN THE
ORIGIN AND FACTUAL BASIS, IF ANY, OF THESE PRESS REPORTS
AND ADVISE US.LUCEY.

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